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IF YOU'RE EDUCATED,
INTELLIGENT, RESOURCEFUL
YOU MIGHT MAKE
A GOOD SPY

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Most of us picture spies as living the adventurous life of James Bond. Real jobs as spies, though, "have less to do with cloaks and daggers than with the painstaking collection and analysis of facts, exercise of judgment and quick, clear evaluation," says James Fitzgerald, personnel representative of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

At the CIA, "spies" have several job titles: intelligence officer or case officer, analyst and researcher. It's an overseas intelligence officer's job to collect information about foreign political, economic and military challenges to our national security, to aid America's policymakers. Intelligence analysts and researchers at headquarters analyze the collected information to produce "intelligence."

Here's what you should know if you want to become a spy: The Agency seeks intelligent individuals of good character who like responsibility and are willing to devote their energy to jobs that often must remain secret. You must also meet the following requirements:

- You (and your spouse) must be an American citizen.
- You must have completed college with a minimum of a B average. The best degrees include engineering, computer science, foreign-area studies (European, Russian, Chinese and Latin American are the current favorites), economics, languages, geography and journalism.
- You should be between age twenty-two and thirty-two.
- You must be willing to relocate to the Washington, D.C.-Arlington, Virginia area or overseas.

Because of the sensitive nature of your responsibilities, the CIA conducts an extensive investigation of your character and qualifications if you are tentatively selected for employment. Apply about six months before your desired starting date to accommodate the selection process.

If you're in college, see your placement officer and ask to interview with the CIA representative who visits your campus. All other applicants should send a résumé and cover letter to the Office of Personnel, Dept. A, P.O. Box 1925, Washington DC 20013. You should receive a reply in about six weeks. If an appropriate opening is available, they will schedule an interview at the recruitment office nearest you. For more information about employment opportunities, call 703-351-2028.